

REMARKS

The Office Action states that claims 37-40 (Group I) are drawn to a semiconductor device classified in class 257, subclass 347+ and that claims 21-36 (Group II) are drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device classified in class 348, subclass 149+. The Office Action requires election of either Group I or Group II for examination.

Initially, the applicants note that a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with this Response to Restriction Requirement adds new claims 41-55 and cancels claims 21-36 without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 41-55 are semiconductor device claims and the applicants believe that these claims should be included with the claims of Group I.

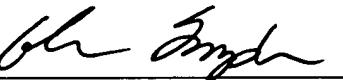
The applicants elect Group I, which should include claims 41-55 in addition to the other claims previously identified as being in Group I (i.e., claims 37-40). Therefore, the applicants respectfully request examination of pending claims 37-55.

CONCLUSION

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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